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SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA ON BREZHNEV VISIT

1. PRAVDA LEAD ARTICLE ON JUNE 27 ENDORSE BREZHNEV VISIT TO US AS " GREAT STEP TOWARD THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE." PRAVDA STATES THAT POLITICAL DETENTE WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY MILITARY DETENTE, AND WAXES EVEN MORE POSITIVE OVER IMPLICATIONS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. LONG TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, WILL HAVE POSITIVE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES AND WILL STRENGTHEN IN TURN TO BETTER IN BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH TONE IS GENERALLY UPBEAT, PRAVDA LEADER ALSO HAS SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE NOTE IN PASSAGES. PRAVDA ASSERTS THAT EVEN THOUGH UNNAMED " OPPONENTS" OF DETENTE CONTINUE THEIR RESISTANCE TO RELAXATION OF TENSIONS, " TIME IS NOT ON THEIR SIDE". PRAVDA ALSO ADDS THAT " SOVIET PEOPLE" ARE AWARE THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF ECONOMIC GOALS DEMANDS ABOVE ALL ELSE PEACE AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER PEOPLES. ( COMMENT: FAILURE TO SPECIFY SOURCE OF OPPOSITION TO DETENTE SUGGEST HOME- GROWN AS WELL AS FOREIGN COLD WARRIORS MAY BE MEANT. ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF DETENTE PRESUMABLY MOST CONVINCING ARGUMENT OF PROPONENTS OF PRESENT POLICIES).

3. IZVESTIYA ADDS TO STILL ONGOING PRESS CAMPAIGN WITH ARTICLE BY CHINGIS AITMATOV, AUTHOR OF CONTROVERSIAL ANTI- STALINIST  
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PLAY " ASCENT OF MOUNT FUGI" AND REPUTED FAVORITY OF BREZHNEV.  
AITMATOV WRITES IN SUPPORT OF COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES ,  
SAVING LOUDEST APPLAUSE FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

4. VISIT'S CONTRIBUTION TO BUDDING BREZHNEV CULT CONTINUES.  
LATEST AND MOST NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTION TO EFFORT  
APPEARS IN LITERATURNAYA GAZETA OF JUNE 27. TWO FRONT PAGE  
ARTICLES, ONE BY WRITERS' UNION HEAD GEORGIY MARKOV,  
APPLAUD BREZHNEV'S " MANY- SIDED ACTIVITY" AND " DIRECT, PERSONAL  
CONTRIBUTION" TO CAUSE OF DETENTE, AND CONCLUDES THAT HISTORIANS  
OF FUTURE WILL WRITE IN RED STROKES OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND WORK OF  
BREZHNEV, WHILE PASSING OVER OR ONLY SKETCHING LESS NOTEWORTHY  
EVENTS. OTHER FRONT PAGE ARTICLE, BY SERGEY BARUZDIN, EVEN  
MORE LAUDATORY. BARUZDIN NOTES ENORMOUS PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF " LEONID ILICH," REFERS TO " WISDOM" AND " PRINCIPLENESS"  
OF BREZHNEV LEADERSHIP, AND ASSERTS THAT BREZHNEV ACHIEVEMENTS  
EVOKE " ADMIRATION."

5. US VISIT NOW YIELDING PRIDE OF PLACE TO BREZHNEV- POMPIDOU  
SUMMIT IN TV NEWS, BUT VREMYA JUNE 26 CARRIED INTERVIEWS WITH  
SOVIET AND US CITIZENS CONCERNING IMPRESSIONS OF VISIT.  
LATTER REMARKABLE FOR FAVORABLE GLIMPSES OF AMERICAN LIFE,  
I. E., WELL- DRESSED AND ATTRACTIVE BLACK AND WHITE INTERVIEWEES.  
MANY OF INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING  
ONE WITH CATHOLIC PRIEST.  
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